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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## May 2015

for the villages of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith,  
Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

## Election Fever



For the past few weeks our news has been dominated by the up and coming general election with party leaders and their PR machines vying for our votes.

You may have heard it said that 'Christianity and Politics' do not mix. Well it may interest you to know that there is a cross party group of Christian MPs who meet regularly to pray together in parliament.

Because as Christians we worship a God whose chief characteristic is love, who is passionate about justice, morality and the care of the disadvantaged, then it is absolutely right that Christians get involved in politics. Political decisions are one way that we shape the world in which we live so as Christians we need to be involved in those decisions.

When we hear people from the general public being interviewed by journalists about who they will support in the coming general election, often the response is essentially selfish. Which party will help me the most? As Christians we ought to be more concerned about the common good. Which party has policies that will benefit the life of the local, national and even international community?

One final thought. While many may get election fatigue over the few days remaining until polling day we do well not to forget that there are many in the world who do not have the right to be involved in a democratic process. Our ancestors fought for the democracy we inherit today and we would be wise to engage in that democratic process on May 7<sup>th</sup> by voting.

Rev Chris Park

### **Rev Chris Park Sabbatical**

Rev Chris Park will be away on sabbatical from May 24<sup>th</sup> - August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 inclusive.

During this time for church related business please contact either:

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Roy Wadsworth on 01904 471645 [roy.wadsworth@btinternet.com](mailto:roy.wadsworth@btinternet.com)

# Family Time Fun, Faith, Food

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

**4p.m. – 6p.m.**

**Tollerton Village Hall**

**THE BIG CLEAN! • BBQ! • GAMES! •**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Contact: Arthur Harland or [janeatwoodyedge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janeatwoodyedge@yahoo.co.uk)**

## Shalom; Peace be with you



Jesus had died on the cross; now he appeared among the disciples, and the first words he said were 'Peace be with you'. These were the usual words with which one Jew greeted another, and they still are. The Hebrew word for peace is 'Shalom', like the Arabic greeting, 'Salaam'. Jeremiah the prophet proclaimed that 'The inhabitants of the land ... they have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.' For many people, there is no peace in their lives. There is strife at work, at home; rich businessmen cheat them out of their money; friends have let them down. So if you wish them peace, you are praying for a radical change in their circumstances.

In many churches it's become a widespread custom to 'pass the peace' during Sunday worship sharing the greeting, 'Peace be with you.' In doing this we are repeating to each other the words Jesus used as he greeted his disciples on the first Easter Sunday. We are declaring our faith in his promise that 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them'. We recognize that Jesus stands with us when we worship, and that he brings his peace into our troubled lives, but he brings it to us through our fellow worshippers. It's the knowledge that we are loved and supported by the other members of our church that encourages and comforts us. Because we go to church, we know that the hand of Jesus is raised over us in blessing, and that he will keep our hearts in peace, no matter what happens.

British people are very reserved, on the whole. Some may shrink from physical contact with other people in church. A visiting clergyman was taking a service in church, and was surprised when an elder of the congregation came up to him afterwards, saying angrily, 'You've ruined our dear old service.' 'Oh dear,' said the visitor, 'what did I do?' 'You passed the peace,' said the elder – 'there is no peace in our church!'

It's a shame that some are so resistant to any sort of change that they refuse to accept even such a mild reform as shaking hands. 'No peace', indeed! We can only hope that they come to welcome the blessing of Christ's peace which every worshipper is qualified to share with us by their greeting. Perhaps we should use the prayer written by Eric Milner-White, the former Dean of King's College, Cambridge.

O God, who would enfold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of your great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carmel Gittens

## **NEWS FROM ALNE CHURCH**

### **Belfry floor**

The main beam has been found to have considerable infestation and damp rot at one end. Repairs will cost in the region of £2,400 so donations for Gift Day this year will be allocated for these repairs. This work will not stop our fundraising efforts for the Restoration Appeal (please see enclosures).

### **Coffee Club**

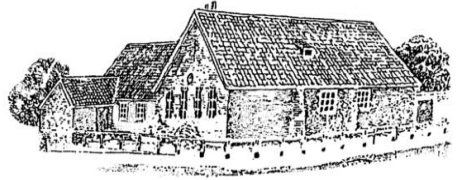
With the return of the Village Hall Coffee mornings we are having discussions to see how best we can coordinate these two events.

## Village Hall News and Dates for your Diary:

### Spring Plant Sale

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 a.m. to 1.00p.m.** Don't forget to join us at this fund raising event for the Village Hall.

There will be a good selection of plants to buy supplied by Brown's Nursery and also plants donated by our green fingered friends in the area. If you have any spare plants you would like to donate please drop them off at the village hall after **3.00p.m.** on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. We hope to see lots of people there and of course refreshments will be available.



*The Village Hall*

### Alne Local and Fairtrade Market

26<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 to 12.00 noon

**Ceilidh 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015.** Keep this date free for this very popular event. Don't miss out, tickets will sell like hot cakes. More information will follow shortly. Watch this space and follow us on Facebook.

**Monthly Coffee Mornings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.** There was a good turnout to the first of our new coffee mornings on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Don't be shy, all are welcome, young and old, ladies and gentlemen, the more the merrier. It's a great way to meet people if you are new to the village or just don't know many people. Coffee Mornings will be held in the Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Refurbishment Update.** Major work to the main hall started on 13<sup>th</sup> April. This includes much improved insulation to the walls and new lighting. This work should be completed by the end of April. We will then need help with the internal painting of the new walls and will be looking for volunteers to come and help us on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May**. At the end of the day we'll celebrate our hard work with a home-made curry. Interested? Fancy a bit of painting? Bring a brush, paint will be provided. For more information watch us on Facebook, or contact Gudrun.

As part of the upgrade, we are improving the heating system – could you please support us with this by **Sponsoring a Radiator**? Each radiator costs around £300, and we need 4 of those. Any contribution to these would be so much appreciated! Alternatively, please support our fund raising events and if possible give a little bit of your time to help. This is your Village Hall!

**AGM** The village hall AGM was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April. Predictably, turnout was poor, which obviously means that you are happy with progress. The minutes of our meeting will be on our web site.

Why not organise an event yourself. Send us your ideas at [alnevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:alnevillagehall@gmail.com) or post an idea on our Facebook page. You can check our webpage on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk) for more information on the hall and upcoming events or follow us on Facebook.

## **ALNE WI**

For our April meeting, "cooking outside the box" the speaker Christine Turner brought a wonderful selection of oils. Christine makes her own. We tasted lots of the oils, especially memorable were strawberries with a fabulous raspberry oil dip, and tomatoes in a herb oil. A great evening was had by all.

Our next meeting is **13<sup>th</sup> May** and is a flower arranging workshop lead by Jenny and Joan. We just need scissors, some foliage and a few flowers. Do join us if you fancy a creative, relaxing evening, more details on [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk).

In the 1950s Baroness Peronika de Rothschild left her husband [a Baron-no surprise] and 5 children and went to New York and joined the black itinerant musicians who were the Jazz scene at that time. Shocking in 1950s America. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30p.m., in Alne Village Hall, Brian Thomas will be talking about her and illustrating his talk with Jazz music of the time. This is an open Alne WI meeting when everyone [*male or female*] is very welcome. Admission is £3 on the door and includes refreshments. Further details, [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk)

## News about Alne Street Fayre Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Alne Church

We are seeking some helpers at the church for an hour during the afternoon. Please call Peter Cove (838346) if you would like to joins us.

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### Tombola

Please help up with prizes for this year's tombola stall. Suitable prizes can be dropped off at the following:

- Liz and Mark at White Cottage, Main St, Alne
- Robert at Alne Croft, Main St, Alne; Dennis at 4 Gale Rd, Alne
- Angela at Fairhaven, Alne (facing Village Hall)
- Angie at 5 The Orchard, Tholthorpe

or call 838633 (Liz & Mark) for collection at a time that suits you.

Thank you! Liz Brewer

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### Teas

Volunteers and lots of cakes are required for 'TEAS' which takes place in the Village Hall during Alne Street Fayre.

Volunteers are needed on both Saturday & Sunday so please contact me if you feel you can support 'TEAS' – every hour of help is wonderful and as well as ensuring the smooth running of 'TEAS' your help means that all volunteers can enjoy the occasion, catch up with each other and avoid being rushed off their feet! We need 6-8 volunteers per hour. Please email me on [mennimaxe@btinternet.com](mailto:mennimaxe@btinternet.com) or ring on 838980.

Cakes, muffins, scones, biscuits, quiche and all things Mary Berry-ish (or not quite so) are much appreciated and can be delivered to the Village Hall during Saturday or Sunday morning or whenever you arrive at the Fayre. Donations of coffee/teabags/margarine/cheese/tins of tuna/other sandwich fillers/salads/chutney/jam/mayonnaise/squash etc. can be left at Croft Barn, Back Lane, Alne – and all very gratefully received.

Many Thanks. Anne Mennim

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## Open Doors Charity Stall

Are you thinking of spring cleaning?

If so I am holding a charity stall at Alne Street Fayre in aid of Open Doors, which is a charity that supports persecuted Christians and churches throughout the world, providing basic essentials such as food, medicines, & clothing, as well as counselling, literacy programmes, Bibles & safe houses to stay for those who are experiencing terrible persecution. If you feel that you would like to help and have any unwanted items such as books, bric-a-brac, handbags, jewellery, clothes or anything that might be of some use to someone else, then they can be left at 2 St Mary's View, Alne or I can collect. Thank you. Caroline Triffitt Tel 838370

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## Methodist Churches Stall

The Methodist Churches are collecting unwanted books, CDs & DVDs for a stall at Alne Street Fayre. If you have items which you are able to donate please ring 838569 to arrange for them to be collected from you. Thank you for your help.



## Alne Oil Co-operative

Latest (31<sup>st</sup> March) delivered price for kerosene was 34.85ppl + VAT (Boilerjuice price = 36.91ppl — a saving to Co-operative Members of 2.2p litre with the VAT; even greater if higher prices normally charged on 500 litre minimum size loads is taken into account, which many Members ask for).

Tate Fuels have recently improved the delivery period to 10 working days from order. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date.

If you are already a Cooperative Member and need oil, either

- log onto Tate's website [www.tateoil.co.uk](http://www.tateoil.co.uk) (preferred option), look for the Buying Groups log-in button and select LSOS (Lower Swale Oil Syndicate) to login, then fill in the online form with your requirements (you will need the password provided by Tate)

Buying Groups



- if unable to use website, phone the dedicated Lower Swale order line 01943 854 888

Now is a good time to think about boiler servicing. We have a preferential arrangement with a local plumber and details will be e-mailed to Members shortly.

Membership is open to all. If you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Alne Heating Oil Co-operative, please e-mail [alne@swaleoil.org.uk](mailto:alne@swaleoil.org.uk) or visit the Alne Village website at: [http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups\\_oil.html](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk/groups_oil.html)



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Please remember to use the new e-mail address: [alne@swaleoil.org.uk](mailto:alne@swaleoil.org.uk)

### **Tollerton Village Hall**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, Tollerton Village Hall are hosting a Party night. Doors open at **7p.m.** with live music provided by 'The Guns', a London based Rock & Pop, four piece band. The aim is to get people together for some fun, while raising money to support the running of our hall. If you like the idea of a party, live music & drink, please come & buy your tickets from Tollerton Stores, priced at £10 each, which includes a free drink. We will be running the bar, which will have some real ale amongst other choices, but no food. Please support us, I look forward to seeing you there. Tim Brook - Village Hall Committee.

Tollerton Village Hall is an excellent facility for everyone's use. Currently, it is used very little. While we have some great evening events each week: Zumba, Cobra Fit, Ballet & Bowls, we have lots of space in the diary. If you need a large indoor space for an event, whether it is business or a party, please come & use us. Details are on [www.tollerton.net](http://www.tollerton.net) on how to make contact.

### **Tollerton Art Group**

Please come and join this friendly group which meets every Wednesday afternoon 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in St Michael's Church, Tollerton. Own equipment needed, come along for friendship and encouragement. Please contact Margaret Wray for more details, 01347 838226.

### **Tollerton Children's Outing 2015**

Please note the date for this year's coach outing to Scarborough will take place on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**.

We have managed to keep the fares the same as in previous years, they are: Tollerton Children Free, Adults £8, Senior Citizens £7, Other Children £4. Further details can be obtained from Pauline Metcalfe. Tel. 01347 838794.

### **Christian Aid**

If you would like to give to Christian Aid but do not receive an envelope through your letter box in Christian Aid week (not all our villages have volunteers to do this), you will find envelopes in St. Mary's church, Alne. Envelopes containing your donation should be put in the secure box by the church door. Thank you.

### **Opportunities for Prayer**

Every **Tuesday** at the vicarage in Alne **9.00a.m.**

Every **Wednesday** at Tholthorpe Methodist Chapel **8.45a.m.**

The Tuesday Bible Fellowship Group at Alne Hall meets on **5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30p.m.**

Tholthorpe ecumenical prayer group meets on **Wednesdays at 8.45 a.m.** in the Methodist Chapel. All welcome.

### **METHODIST SERVICES**

#### **May 2015**

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold. Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460. You are welcome at all of the village services listed overleaf.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Service Details</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Mr Ian Atherton
	10.30p.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Mr Peter Halls
	10.30a.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Mr G Mason, Chapel Anniversary
	3p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Revd Chris Humble, Holy Communion
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30a.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	Revd Ruth Duck Revd Elizabeth Cushion/ Church 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations
	6.30p.m.	Easingwold Methodist Church	
	10.30p.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Revd Graham Haslam
	3.00p.m.	Alne Hall	Mrs Freda Taylor
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30p.m.	Brafferton Helperby Church	Revd Gerald Wilson, Holy Communion
	10.30a.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Dr David Mason
	10.30p.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Mr D Priestnall
	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion and Mrs Christine Stephenson Chapel Anniversary
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30a.m.	St Mary's Church Alne	United Service
	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
	4.00p.m.	Huby Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Café Service
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Elizabeth Cushion, Holy Communion
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	10.30a.m.	Hustwaite Methodist Church	Mr Robin Jackson
	6.30p.m.	Stillington Methodist Church	Revd Philip Turner

## ANGLICAN SERVICES MAY 2015

### May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Aldwark	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Alne	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Brafferton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Terry Croarkin
Thormanby	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Rhodes

### May 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Brafferton	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
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### May 10<sup>th</sup>

Alne	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Brafferton	6.30 p.m.	Compline	Carmel Gittens
Myton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship	Rev Chris Park

### May 17<sup>th</sup>

Aldwark	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Alne	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Brafferton	10.30 a.m.	Methodist	Rev Brian Powley
Thormanby	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Chris Park

### May 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

Alne	10.30 a.m.	Anglican Service	Alne Team
Brafferton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth

### May 31<sup>st</sup>

Alne	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Alne Team
Brafferton	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Carmel Gittens
Myton	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Carmel Gittens
Tollerton	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev Roy Wadsworth
Tollerton	4.00 p.m.	Family Time	Team